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DRIVE FOR EARLY SPRING PLANTING IN ROMANIA

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 councils throughout the country, this paper gives a somewhat wider cov-  
 erage on agriculture than do the other Bucharest newspapers.

During March 1953, the emphasis was on early planting. Areas where  
 spring planting had been particularly early are pointed out as models.  
 A detailed planting schedule of one commune is presented.]

General

EARLY PLANTING ENCOURAGED -- Bucharest, Romania Libera, 13 Mar 53

The rich harvests obtained in 1952 by farms which had planted early in spring  
 and the results of research at the ICAR (Institutul de Cercetari Agronomice Roman,  
 Rumanian Institute for Agronomic Research) experimental stations prove that plant-  
 ing done in the first days of spring gives the best results under the climatic con-  
 ditions in Rumania. As a result of early planting, the Horia, Closca si Crisan  
 Collective, Bod Commune, Stalin Raion, harvested an average of 2,584 kilograms of  
 oats, 1,734 kilograms of wheat, 2,093 kilograms of winter barley, and 1,200 kilo-  
 grams of peas per hectare in 1952. Planting time for corn was reduced 7 days at  
 the Laslea collective, Sighisoara Raion, and collectivists obtained a harvest of  
 3,584 kilograms of corn per hectare. Studies made at the Targu-Frumos experimental  
 station revealed that a delay of 10 days in planting oats results in a decreased  
 yield of close to 300 kilograms per hectare.

Planting has been started in many regiunes of the country, such as Constanta,  
 Craiova, Timisoara, Arad, Bucharest, Floesti, and Pitesti. Work must be followed  
 up and checked in every commune. The tendency to wait until spring has arrived to  
 start work in the fields should be combatted with the greatest energy. Plowing

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and planting should be started when the soil has thawed. State farms, collectives, and TOZ should serve as an example to all other peasants. MTS must fulfill an overwhelming task in the 1953 planting campaign. The manner in which they conduct the spring campaign at collectives and TOZ will be a decisive factor in the outcome of the harvest.

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE REPORTS TO CENTRAL COMMITTEE -- Bucharest, Romania Libera, 18 Mar 53

The State Plan for 1953 calls for the expansion of crop areas and an increase of 11 percent in production per hectare over 1952.

The completion of spring planting as early as possible is the main duty of every peasant. The executive committees must mobilize all able men from villages to insure the success of the spring campaign. Experience of agricultural campaigns in past years proved that the application of advanced agricultural rules as early as possible is a main factor in obtaining rich harvests. For instance, large harvests were obtained in 1952 in many regions where work was done under adequate climatic conditions and by observance of agricultural rules. The Sein State Farm, Baia-Mare Region, harvested 3,200 kilograms of barley per hectare. The Cristian collective, Stalin Region, harvested an average of 3,067 kilograms of wheat per hectare; and the Sanpaul collective, Oradea Region, harvested 4,978 kilograms of corn per hectare. The Cacomeanca State Farm, Calarasi Raion, obtained an average harvest of 857 kilograms of cotton per hectare from the entire cultivated area, in spite of unfavorable climatic conditions.

MTS play an important role in raising the technical level of agriculture. MTS must demonstrate to the individual peasant the advantage of using mechanized equipment; collectives and TOZ, in turn, must demonstrate the value of socialist agriculture.

REPORT OF THE MINISTRY OF STATE FARMS -- Bucharest, Romania Libera, 19 Mar 53

The spring planting campaign is progressing well at many state farms. According to figures of the Ministry of State Farms, state farms completed by 12-March 1953 the plowing of 40,525 hectares and planted 18,486 hectares. Of the hectares planted, 6,570 hectares were sowed with early plants, 3,725 hectares with perennial grasses, 500 hectares with sunflowers, and the balance 7,691 hectares, with peas, tufted vetch, and other fodder plants.

The same good work in spring planting is shown by the Grabat collective, Arad Region, which so far planted 39 percent of its total area. The following collectives planted 31 percent of their total areas: Semlac collective, Arad Region; Jimbolia collective, Timisoara Region; Vrata and Afumati collectives, Craiova Region; Pietroiu, Costache Burca, and Mosneanu collectives, Constanta Region.

There are, however, some state farms which do not devote sufficient attention to spring planting, even though they have the best working conditions at their disposal. The Cernea state farm, Arad Region, for example, has only planted 8 percent of its planned area, and the Jamul-Mare collective, Timisoara Region, plowed only 3 percent. The Rusanesti state farm, Craiova Region, and the Veli-chioiu and Fetesti state farms, Constanta Region, are also lagging behind.

State farm managements must realize the responsibility they carry for early spring planting and take all measures to intensify planting under the best agricultural conditions.

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**MTS LEADING IN SPRING CAMPAIGN -- Bucharest, Romania Libera, 22 Mar 53**

According to figures released by the General Directorate of MTS of the Ministry of Agriculture, increasing numbers of tractor operators and mechanics in many MTS are trying to complete their repairs and spring preparations ahead of schedule. MTS of the Arad Regiune fulfilled at least 32.6 percent of the total spring plan by 20 March 1953. The Gottlob MTS is leading the Arad Regiune with 67.7 percent of its quota completed, and the Felnac MTS is second with 57.6 percent. However, some MTS, such as the Neudorf and Chisinau-Cris MTS, are behind in their repair work.

Leading the entire country is the Peciu-Nou MTS of Timisoara Regiune, which completed 77.5 percent of its quota by 20 March 1953. The Segarcea and Obarsia MTS, Craiova Regiune; Bogdana MTS, Bucharest Regiune; Cobadin MTS, Constanta Regiune, and others are also considerably advanced in their work. However, the following are behind schedule: the Jegalia and Gura-Ialomitei MTS, Constanta Regiune; Lehliu and Hagiesti MTS, Bucharest Regiune; and Carcea MTS, Craiova Regiune.

**INCENTIVES FOR MTS -- Bucharest, Romania Libera, 24 Mar 53**

Advanced working methods have greatly improved the assistance given by MTS to the development of agriculture in Rumania. In spite of this success, some MTS have not reached their full potential. Some MTS did not complete their schedule in the 1952 agricultural campaign. The old inadequate system of remuneration and awards for workers in MTS brigades is one reason for the slow work and the nonfulfillment of quotas.

After analysis of this situation, the party and the government decided to introduce a new wage and awards system for tractor brigades. The new wage and awards system in cash and in kind will result in larger earnings for MTS operators according to their qualifications and the results obtained. Under the old system, a tractor operator earned 14 lei for a day's working norm of 3.5 hectares, plowed to a depth of 18 to 20 centimeters. Under the new system, he will receive 33.98 lei and 2.5 kilograms of wheat for the same amount of work. If he exceeds this norm by 20 percent, the tractor operator will receive 47.46 lei and 3.75 kilograms of wheat, compared with 16 20 lei under the old system.

Under the new system, the chief of a brigade, the assistant chief of a brigade, and the mechanic are paid in relation to the number of norms realized daily by the entire brigade.

Under the old system, a tractor operator received 250 lei [apparently this should be 350 lei] for a working month in which he completed 25 daily working norms. In the same situation under the new system, a tractor operator will receive 850 lei and 62.5 kilograms of wheat. The new system provides for additional awards for seniority as an inducement to workers to remain at the MTS for permanent service, and raise the level of practical preparations and professional instruction. Prizes in cash and produce are also provided to compensate tractor operators who exceed their quotas through superior professional training, or contribute to overfulfillment of the harvest plan in the areas to which they are assigned. The new wage and awards system is also intended to attract more workers to MTS.

**EARLY SPRING PLANTING BEGINS -- Bucharest, Romania Libera, 3 Mar 53**

The favorable weather made possible early spring plowing and planting in the western sections of Rumania, the Danube plains, and the Dobruja. Planting started in Constanta Regiune 15 February 1953. Small and medium farmers in this regiune had planted over 500 hectares of grain by 28 February 1953.

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Collectives in Cotofeni, Segarcea, and Marsani communes, Craiova Regiune, have advanced considerably with spring plowing and planting. The Studina State Farm started planting as early as 20 February 1953. The Grabat State Farm, Timisoara Regiune, also started planting 20 February. The Cenei State Farm and the Besenova-Noua collective have completed planting oats, sunflowers, and peas.

Planting was also started early in Bucharest, Pitesti, and Ploesti Regiunes. This was an indication that conditions were favorable to large-scale planting.

The Ministry of Agriculture has again urged collectives, MTS, agriculturists, and technicians to make every effort for a successful spring planting campaign.

Arad Regiune

GRABAT STATE FARM COMPLETES SPRING WORK -- Bucharest, Romania Libera, 11 Mar 53

Spring campaign preparations have been completed at the Grabat State Farm. Workers and tractor operators of the farm planted 807 hectares in the first days of March, including 282 hectares of barley, 154 hectares of peas, 120 hectares of sunflowers, 41 hectares of wheat, 60 hectares of oats, and 150 hectares of lucerne. Three tractor operators planted 32 hectares each instead of the 15 hectares provided by the norms for this period.

STATE FARMS LEADING IN SPRING WORK -- Bucharest, Romania Libera, 15 Mar 53

Workers at state farms are taking advantage of the favorable spring weather to start work in the fields. State farms had planted, by 10 March 1953, 7,746 hectares. This included 3,210 hectares of wheat, barley, oats, and rye; 300 hectares of sunflowers; and the balance 4,236 hectares in peas, vetch, and other fodder plants.

The Varias State Farm, Arad Regiune, is among the leading state farms in spring planting. This farm planted 1,300 hectares in the first planting period. [See 00-W-26724] The Jimbolia State Farm, Timisoara Regiune, planted 487 hectares; the Vrata State Farm, Craiova Regiune, 435 hectares; and the Costache Burca State Farm, Constanta Regiune, 100 hectares.

The good example of these state farms should be followed by all.

COLLECTIVE STARTS EARLY PLANTING -- Bucharest, Romania Libera, 15 Mar 53

The members of the A. A. Zhdanov Collective, Gottlob Commune, Sannicolaul-Mare Raion, took advantage of every favorable planting day. They started planting as the fields thawed on 2 March, and planted 16 hectares of sunflowers and 15 hectares of oats. The collectivists finished plowing large areas and started preparing vegetable gardens.

COLLECTIVES WELL PREPARED FOR SPRING WORK -- Bucharest, Romania Libera, 22 Mar 53

The majority of collectives in Arad Regiune are meeting their spring campaign assignments with equipment maintained in good condition. They organized their teams ahead of time and prepared seeds. The Santana collective, Santana Commune, for example, organized its brigades, assigned lots, and distributed machines, implements, and draught animals. The same procedure was followed by many collectives in the regiune. The collectives were thus able to start plowing and planting

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very early. The Nadlac collective is leading in this work. In only a few days, Nadlac collectivists plowed and planted 67 hectares, including 15 hectares of barley, 20 hectares of peas, 20 hectares of oats, and 12 hectares of sunflowers. The members of this collective also gave special attention to vegetable gardens. They prepared cold frames for peppers, tomatoes, and cauliflower. They plowed and prepared several hectares for vegetable beds. The Semlac and Seitin collectives completed first period plantings and proceeded with second period plantings.

SPRING WORK PROGRESSES IN ARAD REGIUNE -- Bucharest, Romania Libera, 24 Mar 53

Agricultural work is progressing well in Arad Regiune, with 13,917 hectares planted by 19 March 1953. Leading in this work is Sannicolaul-Mare Raion, where 7,322 hectares were planted. Collectivists of Siria, Cherelus, and Ineu communes completed first period plantings 3 to 5 days ahead of time. Collectivists of Buteni and Sebis communes finished first period plantings. MTS in the regiune made valuable contributions to this work, the Gottlob MTS of Sannicolaul-Mare Commune finished 67.7 percent of the total production plan.

Bacau Regiune

VEGETABLE AREA IN PIATRA NEAMT DOUBLED -- Bucharest, Romania Libera, 11 Mar 53

Workers of the agricultural section of the 23 August Economic Organization (Organizatia Economica) of Piatra-Neamt town obtained good results in the preparation of vegetable gardens. In 1953 the 23 August Economic Organization will plant an area twice as large as in 1952. Workers spread 180 tons of manure and dug 20 five-meter-wide ditches for cold frames as early as January 1953. The cold frames were completed at the beginning of February; planting of tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, and other vegetables started 18 February.

Baia-Mare Regiune

CAREI MTS LEADING IN WORK -- Bucharest, Romania Libera, 1 Mar 53

The plan set up by the Carei MTS provided for completion of repairs by 20 February 1953, but the work was finished ahead of schedule. Therefore, the MTS had time to repair nine tractors which had been sent by the Tusnad MTS.

DAY AND NIGHT WORK AT COLLECTIVE -- Bucharest, Romania Libera, 24 Mar 53

Collectivists of the Inainte Collective, Berveni Commune, Carei Raion, work in close cooperation with the Carei MTS. Operators using 12 tractors in day and night shifts plowed 150 hectares. The collectivists planted root vegetables, 70 hectares of wheat, 35 hectares of oats, and 10 hectares of poppies.

Bucharest Regiune

PEOPLE'S COUNCIL DISCUSSES VEGETABLE PLAN -- Bucharest, Romania Libera, 5 Mar 53

Supplying Bucharest city with sufficient food and vegetables was a major point of discussion at the meeting of the Bucharest People's Council at the beginning of March 1953.

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The production and supply zone around the capital will cover a total of 41,000 hectares in 1953, including 19,700 hectares under irrigation in Vidra, Mihailesti, Racari, Branesti, Snagov, and Crevedia raions. The sowing plans were drawn up according to the type of soil and labor potential at farms. So far, 117 hectares of the 352 hectares of land selected in the capital proper have been allotted. Irrigation of an area of 3,980 hectares around the capital will be finished by 31 April 1953. The raion and commune people's councils requisitioned 1,579 wagons and 39 trucks to assist state farms. The listing and repair of irrigation pumps and other implements were finished by 1 March 1953.

The executive committee of the Bucharest city People's Council, and the raion and commune people's councils of the city gave special attention to the discovery of hostile elements attempting to sabotage the fulfillment of the vegetable plan. In Chiajna Commune, Gheorghe Gheorghiu-Dej Raion, for example, kulaks tried to persuade working peasants not to accept the irrigation plan. In Magurele Commune, V. I. Lenin Raion, the kulak Marin Curcan tried to sell his two irrigation pumps, even though they had been scheduled for use. In Mogosoaia Commune, Grivita-Rosie Raion, the kulak Paraschiv (fnu) planted flowers instead of his vegetable quota.

A series of shortcomings are limiting the activities of the executive committee of the city. The repair plan for cold frames was fulfilled only 92 percent by 1 March 1953, even though the plan called for completion by 15 February. Contracts with producers were behind schedule even in the socialist sector, which holds 53 percent of the contract area. By 5 March 1953, cooperatives were able to sign only 21 percent of planned contracts with TOZ and individual farms.

Consequently, the executive committee adopted a number of measures to mobilize all means to finish work in the socialist sector.

#### COLLECTIVE COMPLETES FIRST-PERIOD PLANTING -- Bucharest, Romania Libera, 14 Mar 53

The Calarasi-Vechi collective, Bucharest Regiune, made intensive preparations for the spring campaign and by 10 March 1953 completed first period plantings with the aid of the Cuza-Voda MTS.

Furthermore, the collectivists disked 200 hectares of autumn wheat and prepared 180 hectares for cotton planting.

#### COLLECTIVES LEADING -- Bucharest, Romania Libera, 19 Mar 53

Spring agricultural work is in progress all over Rumania and, as in previous years, collectives are leading. By 9 March 1953, for example, the 30 Decembrie Collective, Contesti-Zimnicea Commune, finished planting 20 hectares of peas, 3 hectares of tufted vetch, 5 hectares of oats, 5 hectares of sunflowers, 2 hectares of garlic, and 5 hectares of onions. The collectivists also plowed 42 hectares for cotton planting, and disked 90 hectares of autumn wheat and 5 hectares of rye. In addition, they planted the full quota of lucerne by 9 March 1953.

Very good work was done by the Rasaritul Collective, Seaca Commune, Turnu-Magurele Raion. The collectivists finished the first period plantings by 11 March 1953, 4 days ahead of schedule. They planted 6 hectares of peas, 10 hectares of oats, 8 hectares of sunflowers, and one hectare of onions. They disked fall stubble and prepared 15 hectares for cotton growing.

#### COLLECTIVES SET EXAMPLE -- Bucharest, Romania Libera, 25 Mar 53

Collectives, TOZ, and independent peasants were prepared to start planting in the first favorable days of spring. As soon as the snow thawed, the Vetrisoara collective planted 15 hectares of peas, and in 3 days prepared 12 additional

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hectares for planting. In the first days of the spring campaign, collectivists of Bumbata Commune planted 8 hectares of peas and plowed an additional 7 hectares. The Grivita-Rosie collective, Lunca-Banului Commune, planted 13 hectares of peas in the first days of the campaign.

The good example of these collectives was followed by individual farmers and peasants.

Constanta Regiune

SPRING PLANTING WELL ADVANCED -- Bucharest, Romania Libera, 11 Mar 53

Spring planting has started over the entire arable area of Constanta Regiune. Collectivists and working peasants in Negru-Voda Raion are working with zeal to complete planting on schedule. They planted 700 hectares of various spring crops by 4 March 1953 and finished plowing an additional 1,200 hectares.

In Medgidia Raion, 200 hectares of wheat, barley, and oats were planted in only a few days. Brigade No 15 of the Cobadin MTS completed 90 percent of its first-period quota in the fields of the 8 Mai Collective. In 2 days, tractor operators of the brigade planted more than 100 hectares and plowed 27 hectares. Brigade No 8 of the MTS, working at the Osmancea collective, completed planting 200 hectares by 5 March 1953.

Craiova Regiune

CARACAL RAION DRAFTS PEASANTS FOR SPRING WORK -- Bucharest, Romania Libera, 14 Mar 53

The Caracal Raion People's Council carried on sustained political agitation to draft working peasants for spring plowing and planting in order to take advantage of the first favorable days in March. The individual peasants completed 20 percent of the first-period crop plan by 12 March 1953. Collectives are leading the work. The 14 collectives of the raion completed 60 percent of the first-period planting. The Draghicieni, Cioroiu, Farcasale, and Traian collectives completed 100 percent of their first-period plan.

Members of collectives in Cotofeni-din-Fata Commune finished planting peas, oats, potatoes, and onions. Members of collectives in Macesu-de-Sus and Goicea-Mica communes, and the peasants of Tugliu and Padea communes completed first-period plantings.

POIANA-MARE COLLECTIVE SETS GOOD EXAMPLE -- Bucharest, Romania Libera, 21 Mar 53

Collectives in the southern part of Craiova Regiune started spring planting early in the season, taking advantage of favorable weather. They finished the first-period planting 2 days ahead of schedule. The collectivists of Poiana-Mare Raion plowed 450 hectares with the help of the MTS tractors; in addition, they planted 320 hectares of peas, barley, and oats and disked all autumn sowings. The collectives of Desa and Piscul-Vechi communes are leading in the work.

The example of collectives was followed by working peasants, who planted more than 1,000 hectares. Individual peasants of Poiana-Mare Commune finished their first-period planting by 18 March 1953. Peasants and collectives, furthermore, plowed 6,000 hectares and disked 70 percent of the fall crop stubble.

STATE FARM WELL PREPARED FOR SPRING PLANTING -- Bucharest, Romania Libera, 22 Mar 53

The Halanga State Farm, Turnu-Severin Raion, has actively prepared for spring planting. Workers and tractor operators of this state farm finished tractor and machine repairs 15 days ahead of schedule and prepared seed for planting. By 15 March 1953, they plowed 330 hectares, of which 194 hectares were planted with peas, barley, oats, and sunflowers and 103 hectares with tufted vetch and other fodder plants.

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COMPETITION BETWEEN COMMUNES -- Bucharest, Romania Libera, 25 Mar 53

Malu Commune, Craiova Regiune, is leading the regiune in spring planting. The people's council of this commune challenged the Teasca Commune People's Council to a competition. Malu Commune pledged itself to complete first-period planting by 25 March. The commune finished 4 days ahead of schedule.

PREPARATIONS FOR COTTON GROWING -- Bucharest, Romania Libera, 26 Mar 53

The cotton area in Craiova Regiune is to be larger in 1953 than 1952. Measures have been taken to apply advanced agricultural methods both at collectives and at individual farms.

The executive committees of people's councils and technicians are carrying on an intensive campaign throughout the regiune to impress upon peasants the importance of cotton growing. More than 95 percent of the land has been prepared for cotton growing in Corabia, Caracal, and Cujmir communes. Areas for cotton growing were also fully prepared in many other communes, such as Studina and Scarisoara of Caracal Raion and Isbiceni, Cilieni, and Orlea of Corabia Raion.

Simultaneously, contracts for deliveries are being signed with cotton growers. Almost all cotton growers in Gura-Jiului Raion have signed contracts with the cotton picking station, and in Corabia Raion almost 83 percent of contracts have been signed. The cotton picking station, on the other hand, has taken measures to provide growers with seed and chemical fertilizers.

CARACAL RAION INCREASES COTTON GROWING AREA -- Bucharest, Romania Libera, 28 Mar 53

The cotton area in Caracal Raion will be 40 percent larger in 1953 than 1952. The preparation of the fields is almost completed in all communes of the raion. A field of 400 hectares has been prepared at the Studina farm. Bicunisu, Amarastide-Jos, Apele-Vii, and Amarastide-Sus communes each prepared 100 to 250 hectares for cotton planting.

Irrigation has started in Scarisoara Commune to prepare 52 hectares for cotton. Seeds are being prepared and selected for the entire raion. Six teams of specialists from the Gradinele Seed Center are selecting the seeds. Cotton growers have signed contracts with MTS

Galati RegiuneCOMPETITIONS ORGANIZED IN MACIN RAION -- Bucharest, Romania Libera, 14 Mar 53

The executive committee of the Macin Raion People's Council, Galati Regiune, devoted special attention to planting preparations for the spring campaign. Plans were submitted for the entire raion by 1 March 1953. Measures were taken to carefully observe the planting periods set by the Ministry of Agriculture. The raion executive committee of the people's council divided the raion into 12 sectors and assigned to each of these sectors a technician responsible for the fulfillment of planting.

Tractors and machines at MTS were repaired on time, fuel and lubricants were prepared, dormitory cars were equipped with furniture, a permanent library was set up, and food was stocked for the entire duration of the campaign. The Macin Raion executive committee called upon all commune people's councils, deputies, and peasants to engage in competitions. In 2 days, collectivists of Daeni, Cerna,

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Luncavite, and Traian communes plowed 35 hectares and planted 5 hectares of barley, 6 hectares of peas, and 2 hectares of sunflowers. Following the example of collectivists, individual peasants in Greci and Turcoaia started preparing for planting. Macin Raion is continuing this good work with propaganda speeches, posters, slogans, and panels.

COMPETITION AMONG COLLECTIVES IN BRAILA RAION -- Bucharest, Romania Libera, 15 Mar 53

The members of the 7 Noembrie Collective, Movila-Miresei Commune, Braila Raion, called on all collectives to enter competitions. The collectivists of Movila-Miresei promised to complete first-period plantings in 9 days, second-period plantings in 6 days, and third-period plantings in 2 days.

Collectivists in Movila-Miresei and Cazasu communes plowed 26 hectares in the first 2 days after the competition was announced, and in addition, planted 16.5 hectares of spring wheat and peas and 34.5 hectares of flax.

STATE FARM BEGINS PLANTING -- Bucharest, Romania Libera, 17 Mar 53

Workers and technicians of the Pavel Tcacenco State Farm of Niculesti-Jianu Commune, Calmatiu Raion, Galati Regiune, organized their work carefully to start planting as early as possible. They signed five competition contracts with tractor brigades. The tractors plowed 20 hectares and planted 10 hectares of barley. They disked 35 hectares of lucerne and planted another 39 hectares of spring crops.

PEASANTS URGED TO USE EVERY DAY FOR SPRING WORK -- Bucharest, Romania Libera, 19 Mar 53

Collectivists and peasants are taking advantage of the fair weather to do their spring planting. Guided and assisted by the executive committees of the people's councils, individual peasants of Calmatiu, Macin, Braila, Filimon, and Sarbu communes started plowing and planting in the first days of March. State farms are in the lead in this campaign. Workers at the Pechea state farm, Galati Raion, for example, plowed 70 hectares in the first 5 days of March. The Simu section of the Pavel Tcacenco State Farm, Calmatiu Raion, plowed 20 hectares and planted 10 hectares of oats. They disked 35 hectares of lucerne and in addition planted 30 hectares.

In 2 days, at the Scanteia Collective, Insurarei Commune, 38 hectares of barley were planted and 100 hectares were plowed. At the Viata-Noua Collective Valea-Canepei Commune, Braila Raion, planting of wheat was completed with the help of the Traianu MTS tractors and the collective's draught animals. By 14 March 1953, plowing 1,668 hectares and planting 614 hectares of various crops were completed. In Braila Raion, 1,518 hectares were plowed and 258 hectares were planted by the same date.

Good results were also obtained in Macin and Filimon-Sarbu raions. In all, 4,655 hectares were plowed and 1,062 hectares were planted in Galati Regiune by 14 March 1953.

Nevertheless, more could have been accomplished in Calmatiu, Braila, and Macin raions, because the weather and the soil in these raions permit earlier planting. The executive committees of the people's councils did not give sufficient attention to field work. Although the weather was favorable for early plowing and planting in Galati, Tulcea, Maicanesti, and Bujor, the executive committees

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of the commune people's councils in these areas did not take advantage of this condition. The executive committees and raion people's councils of Galati Regiune should devote more attention to spring planting.

MTS IN GALATI REGIUNE ENGAGE IN COMPETITIONS -- Bucharest, Romania Libera, 24 Mar 53

Tractor operators of the Traian MTS called on all MTS in Galati Regiune to enter competitions. All tractor brigades exceeded their daily norms in plowing and planting. They finished 50 percent of the scheduled spring work by 18 March 1953.

Brigade No 8 of the Cioara-Doicesti MTS completed 60 percent of spring work in the first 20 days of March and saved 358 liters of motor fuel; Brigade No 9 completed 59 percent of its quota.

#### Hunedoara Regiune

MTS MUST ASSIST COLLECTIVES AND TOZ -- Bucharest, Romania Libera, 11 Mar 53

The Alba-Iulia MTS aided peasants of Teius Commune and Galtin Village, Ighin Commune, in forming two new TOZ. Twenty-five families of Carda-de-Jos Village requested permission to form a TOZ; and peasants of Oiejdia Village, Gaida-de-Jos Commune, filed 22 requests for creation of a TOZ. The Alba-Iulia MTS is putting forth every effort to guide collectives and TOZ in complying with the provisions of the 6 February 1953 decree calling for a production increase of 10 percent per hectare. The Ilia collective, whose plan called for a production of 1,200 kilograms of wheat per hectare in 1952, accepted a new plan requiring a yield of 1,500 kilograms of wheat per hectare in 1953. The collective of Benic Commune planned an increase of 250 kilograms of wheat per hectare for 1953, and the Cisteiu collective planned an increase of 350 kilograms of wheat per hectare over 1952.

The sons of collectivists have been recruited for training as tractor operators. At the tractor operators school of Badeni, Craiova Regiune, 27 out of the 32 students were recruited from collectivists' families. Working contracts with collectives and TOZ were signed before 15 February, the date set by the decree. For reasons of greater efficiency, the Alba-Iulia MTS divided its labor force into brigades and sent each brigade to the same collective or TOZ where it had worked in 1952.

#### Hungarian Autonomous Regiune

COLLECTIVE PREPARES FOR SPRING PLANTING -- Bucharest, Romania Libera, 1 Mar 53

The selection of seeds was finished at the Partizanii Pacii Collective, Ideciu-de-Sus Commune, Reghin Raion, by 12 January 1953. Germination tests revealed the following percentages of fertility: corn, 96 percent; barley, 96 percent; peas, 98 percent; and oats, 94 percent.

The collectivists repaired 2 sowers for fodder plants, 3 corn sowers, 5 weeders, 7 plows, and other smaller implements. The collectivists spread 60 carloads of manure on the fields.

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TARGU-MURES STATE FARMS AND COLLECTIVES BEGIN PLANTING -- Bucharest, Romania Libera, 24 Mar 53

State farms and collectives of Targu-Mures Raion were the first to start planting. The 1 Mai State Farm planted 29 hectares of clover and 40 hectares of barley, and disked 115 hectares. Members of the Partizanul-Rosu Collective, Curteni Commune, completed first-period planting. Collectivists of Nicolesti-Ciba Village planted in one day 18 hectares of oats, 3 hectares of sunflowers, and 14 hectares of clover, and disked 45 hectares of winter wheat. They exceeded their work norms 24-42 percent. Sixteen collectives of Targu-Mures Raion organized competitions between brigades, teams, and individual collectivists. In one day the collective of Gorunca Village planted 4 hectares of poppies, one hectare of onions, and one hectare of peas. First-period sowings were completed 90 percent by 24 March.

Collectives of Chinari, Nazna, Sardu-Nirajului, Leordeni, Craciunesti, and Foi communes started spring planting. In the last 4 days, which were exceptionally favorable for planting, collectivists of Targu-Mures Raion planted 162 hectares, prepared 1,600 square meters of cold frames, and plowed an additional 100 hectares.

Iasi Regiune

STRESS EARLY PLANTING IN IASI -- Bucharest, Romania Libera, 17 Mar 53

At the Targu-Frumos Experimental Station, Iasi Regiune, experiments showed that oats planted 10 March yielded 1,714 kilograms per hectare, while those planted 20 March yielded only 1,434 kilograms per hectare. Production dropped 280 kilograms per hectare because of the 10-day delay in planting. The Meri Commune collective had a yield of 2,552 kilograms of peas per hectare as a result of early planting.

The map set up by the Ministry of Agriculture on the basis of research done by ICAR and data supplied by the Meteorological Institute constitutes a valuable aid to peasants in villages. In this map, five climatic zones were set up. The best planting periods were established according to the time of thawing and the temperature of the soil.

Engineers' collectives must follow up the fulfillment of planting in every regiune, raion, and commune. They must check daily on the condition of the fields and assure that planting is done at the right moment. They must guide working peasants to do their share in the fulfillment of planting quotas.

The executive committees of commune people's councils must schedule the use of draught animals and labor, and organize planting according to the periods established by the plan.

Oradea Regiune

INTENSIVE SPRING PREPARATIONS IN ORADEA -- Bucharest, Romania Libera, 14 Mar 53

Spring preparations in Oradea Regiune are progressing with growing intensity. State farms, TOZ, collectives, and individual peasants have so far planted 3,000 hectares of various spring crops, and completed plowing an additional 3,600 hectares.

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Salonta Raion is leading in planting. In only 3 days, peasants of Samnicolaul Roman, Batar, and Inaud have planted 540 hectares; collectives in these three areas have already planted 1,200 hectares. Collectives of Bors, Bihoria, and Vauda communes completed first-period plantings according to Soviet methods.

Collectivists and individual peasants are maintaining vigilance to prevent the sabotage of spring work by kulaks. Working peasant Petru Motoc unmasked before the entire village kulaks Dumitru Cosma and Vasile Panteias because they had not started planting despite the favorable weather. The kulaks were forced to start work immediately.

Pitesti Regiune

MOZACENI COMMUNE ORGANIZES PLANTING -- Bucharest, Romania Libera, 4 Mar 53

The Mozaceni Commune people's council, Costesti Raion, Pitesti Regiune, has given a good example of planning and organization to obtain the best results in agriculture.

Below are excerpts of the plan drawn up for the 1953 planting and harvesting campaign in Mozaceni Commune.

Plan for Agricultural Campaign of 1953

<u>Plan Duties</u>	<u>Time Limit</u>	<u>Individuals Responsible for Fulfillment of Plan</u>	<u>Organizational Measures</u>
1. Repairs of plows, disks, sowers, and all other implements	28 Feb	Ion Porojanu, agricultural agent, assisted by chiefs of the eight repair centers  Gheorghe Toma, secretary of the people's council, will supervise the plan	Organization of eight repair centers in the villages of the commune, and providing them with supplies. Teams of deputies, party members, and activists will campaign to convince peasants to repair their tools in the scheduled time. A repair plan will be set up at every center according to work capacity, listing for every day the names of the peasants who must bring their tools for repair
2. Procurement and preparation of seeds	5 Mar	Ion Porojanu, agricultural agent, assisted by chiefs of the eight seed conditioning centers	Deputies will campaign to advise peasants to get the seed in time for planting. They will also urge peasants with surplus seeds to loan them to individual peasants who have none
3a. Spring plowing	31 Mar	Marin S. Iordache, vice chairman of people's council	Communes will be divided into three sectors. The chairman and vice chairman of the commune people's council, and the agricultural agent are each responsible for one sector

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<u>Plan Duties</u>	<u>Time Limit</u>	<u>Individuals Responsible for Fulfillment of Plan</u>	<u>Organizational Measures</u>
b. Spring planting in first period	10 Mar first planting  20 Mar second planting	Ion Porojanu, agricultural agent, assisted by the nine supervisors  Gheorghe Ciobanu, chairman of the people's council	Teams of deputies and activists will go from house to house to mobilize draught animals. Daily record of draught animals sent into the fields and work done will be kept by field supervisors and the agricultural referee, Tudor Bedig, under the direct supervision of the people's council.
4. Assist preparations and execution of spring campaign at Nicolae Balcescu Collective	According to the periods set for each type of planting	Ion Porojanu, agricultural agent  Gheorghe Sanda, veterinary agent  Tudor Bedig, agricultural agent under the guidance of MTS technicians  Gheorghe Ciobanu, chairman of the commune people's council, is to supervise	From 10 Feb through the end of campaign, the chairman of the people's council will assist the collective, so that planting is done in time and under the best conditions as an example for other peasants  Florea Grigore Curea, deputy in the commune people's council, will supervise the smooth running of collective, and advise the people's council of the difficulties and needs of the collective for timely assistance
5. Convocation of special meeting to debate measures on spring campaign	3 Mar	Gheorghe Ciobanu, chairman of commune people's council  Gheorghe Toma, secretary of the commune people's council	Organization of meetings of deputies and voters. The chairman and secretary of the people's council must report the criticisms of spring campaign preparations. Permanent committee must study and report on situation in the fields
6. Intensification of cultural activities in support of campaign	30 Apr	Gheorghe Ciobanu, chairman of the commune people's council  Marin S. Iordache vice chairman of the commune people's council	The cultural collective of the commune will organize a program of lectures, discussions, group reading, radio auditions, and performances connected with spring agricultural activities. The cultural collective will hold meetings every Sunday to analyze assignment of duties for the coming week. The secretary will read the central paper daily and use any material relating to the spring campaign

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<u>Plan Duties</u>	<u>Time Limit</u>	<u>Individuals Responsible for Fulfillment of Plan</u>	<u>Organizational Measures</u>
7. Organization of competition between villages for spring planting ahead of schedule	4 Mar	A collective consisting of the chairman of the people's council, the secretaries of the two basic organizations, the directors of the four cultural clubs, deputies, leaders, mass organization representatives, and leading peasants	Activity to be conducted under the supervision of the two basic commune organizations. Popular meetings will be organized in each of the four villages. Teams of deputies, party members, and activists of party organizations and mass organizations will conduct agitation activities from house to house. Leaders in competitions will be popularized by cultural clubs, newspapers, and radio, and those who are behind schedule will be criticized by the same means
8. Political mass agitation	Throughout the campaign	A collective formed by the chairman and the secretary of the people's council, and leaders of mass organizations in the commune	Creation of six teams to mobilize peasants for the campaign. Each collective will recommend deputies, party members, activists, members of permanent committees, and leading individual peasants to work on teams for political mass agitation. Weekly meetings will be held to analyze competition results; leaders in competitions will be praised and slow workers criticized. Slogans, panels, posters, etc., will be used to promote the campaign. Articles in newspapers will be changed weekly; panels will be set up and changed daily, to honor the leaders and shame slow workers and saboteurs

Schedule of the Permanent Agricultural Committee  
for the Spring Campaign

<u>Duties</u>	<u>Time Limit</u>	<u>Coordinator of Work</u>	<u>Organizational Measures</u>
Report to the special meeting.	28 Feb	Ion Bimbirel, chairman of the permanent committee, assisted by	Deputies Ion Bimbirel, Victor Duna, Radu Diculescu, and Marin Oprea will hold

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<u>Duties</u>	<u>Time Limit</u>	<u>Coordinator of Work</u>	<u>Organizational Measures</u>
Measures will be debated for success of spring campaign	28 Feb	Grigore Costea and Dumitru Neagoe, members of the committee	meetings with voters by sectors to study achievements and shortcomings in the preparation and development of the campaign. Deputies and members of the permanent committee will visit the 8 repair centers, the 8 seed selection centers, and the 9 field supervisors to study the situation in the field and collect data needed for the report
Supervision of competitions	30 Apr	Marin Oprea and Victor Duna, members of the permanent committee, assisted by farmers Gheorghe Cruceana, Ion B. Vochin, Marin Marinescu, and Ion Gheorghe Antea	The director of the cultural club will analyze progress of competitions and popularize achievements. Deputies Ion Bimbirel, Victor Duna, Radu Diculescu, and Marin Oprea will write articles for the newspaper. They will require other members of the committee and teachers in the commune to write agitation articles stressing the leaders in competitions and criticizing slow workers. The best articles will be broadcast
Permanent field supervision of spring planting	30 Apr	Ion Bimbirel, chairman of the permanent committee, assisted by members Dobre Petrisor and Ivan Ghinescu	Deputies and members will visit the fields daily to check whether the planting schedule is observed. Shortcomings will be brought immediately to the attention of the president of the people's council. The chairman of the permanent committee will attend the weekly analysis meetings, contributing the data collected in the fields by deputies and members of the committee

Mozaceni is a large commune with more than 5,000 hectares of arable land and more than 1,500 farms. Collectives, assisted in their work by the executive committee of the people's council, finished preparations for the spring campaign ahead of time.

The people's council carries on active propaganda to point out the advantages of joining collectives. Collectives can apply advanced methods and obtain better results than individual peasants. For instance, collectives in Mozaceni have

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have obtained a harvest of 1,200 kilograms of wheat per hectare, compared with 716 kilograms per hectare obtained by individual peasants. Collectives harvested 900 kilograms of rye and 700 kilograms more corn per hectare than individual peasants. As a result of this propaganda, 100 peasant families applied for admission to collectives.

## PLANTING PERIODS OBSERVED -- Bucharest, Romania Libera, 19 Mar 53

In Slatina Raion, fair weather in March permitted early planting. By 14 March, 761 hectares of oats were planted and 900 hectares were plowed. The Partizanii Pacii Collective of Brebeni Commune and Gheorghe Gheorghiu-Dej Collective of Curtisoara Commune each planted 7 hectares of oats. Peasants in Tesliu Commune planted 22 hectares of oats and peasants in Curtisoara Commune planted 40 hectares of oats by 14 March 1953. The entire Slatina Raion is working hard to complete quotas.

Ploesti Regiune

## COLLECTIVE PREPARES FOR SPRING PLANTING -- Bucharest, Romania Libera, 1 Mar 53

The Gheorghe Gheorghiu-Dej Collective, Valeni-de-Munte, Teleajen Raion, has completed spring preparations. Tractors and agricultural implements have been repaired. Cold frames covering 1,000 square meters were set up, and 20 carloads of manure were spread over 60 hectares allotted for vegetable planting.

## PLANTING IN PROGRESS -- Bucharest, Romania Libera, 11 Mar 53

Individual peasants and collectives in many communes of Ploesti Regiune have started planting; Repa Commune was the first to start. Ten hectares were planted in one day in Repa Commune. Colceag Commune planted 6.50 hectares of spring barley and plowed 8 hectares. Collectivists in Dumbrava Commune finished planting peas. Planting has also started in Mizil Raion, where 31.75 hectares of barley were planted in the first few days. Collectivists in Conduratu, Tohani, and Sahateni villages, Vadu-Sapat Commune, are progressing well.

## MEETING OF VITICULTURISTS -- Bucharest, Romania Libera, 17 Mar 53

The first meeting of Rumanian viticulturists was held on 12 and 13 March 1953 at the School for Viticulture in Valea-Calugareasca, Ploesti Regiune. The meeting was organized by the Ministry of Agriculture, the Ministry of State Farms, and the Central Committee of the Union of Agricultural Workers.

The following attended the meeting: C. Prisnea, Minister of Agriculture; I. Vidrascu, Minister of State Farms; scientists; specialists from ICAR; and engineers and technicians of regiune people's councils and state farms. Prisnea spoke on the application of minimum norms in viticulture and on the elimination of old methods, which will result in higher harvests per hectare and extend the life of plants.

Reports were submitted on uncovering, trimming, binding, and supporting vines; leveling ground; soil treatment, combating soil erosion; and the use of fertilizer. Each report was followed by practical demonstrations sponsored by the experimental station.

The discussions will contribute greatly to improving winegrowing. Viticulturists will harvest much larger crops if they follow these methods and suggestions. Experience acquired at the Murfatlar and Valea-Calugareasca ICAR stations and

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at the Odobesti, Dragasani, and other state farms showed that production increased 14 to 35 percent when vines were uncovered early and cutting and soil preparation were done in a rational way.

Stalin Regiune

MEDIAS RAION WELL PREPARED FOR PLANTING -- Bucharest, Romania Libera, 28 Mar 53

The spring agricultural campaign is progressing well in Medias Raion. TOZ, collectives, and individual peasants took advantage of fair weather and planted 1,344 hectares in the first days of March. They set up 2,421 cold frames for vegetables. The Axente Sever State Farm is leading the raion. This farm completed 60 percent of its planting quotas of barley, oats, and other grain.

Valea-Lunga State Farm planted 44 hectares of grain and 10 hectares of peas, plowed 82 additional hectares, and disked 36 hectares. The collectives of Richis, Valea-Lunga, and Bina communes and TOZ in Vorumba Commune had good results.

LEADERS OF COLLECTIVES PLEDGE INCREASED EFFORTS -- Bucharest, Romania Libera, 31 Mar 53

The first meeting of production leaders of collectives was held in Bucharest at the end of March 1953. Members of the Laslea collective, Stalin Raion, pledged to increase the planned production on all crops. Members of the collectives in Stefanesti Commune, Dragasani Raion, met on 27 March and pledged to improve their work and exceed production quotas. They pledged to obtain 2,400 kilograms of wheat per hectare, instead of the 1,400 kilograms required by the plan; 2,700 kilograms of corn, instead of 1,800 kilograms per hectare; 20,000 kilograms of potatoes, instead of 13,000 kilograms per hectare, and 1,600 kilograms of sunflower seed, instead of 1,000 kilograms per hectare.

Winegrowing is an important part of the activity of collectives in Stefanesti Commune. The three brigades attending the vineyards pledged to obtain a harvest of 4,700 kilograms of grapes per hectare in 1953 instead of the 4,500 kilograms required by the plan.

The collectives discussed further increases in livestock and poultry. They decided to set up two farms, one with 12 cows, and the other, a poultry farm, with 500 birds. In addition, they decided to increase the pig farm from 10 to 15 sows and 25 to 30 boars. They also agreed to purchase several pure-blooded animals for breeding.

Timisoara Regiune

WOMEN ACTIVE IN SPRING CAMPAIGN -- Bucharest, Romania Libera, 1 Mar 53

The women of Timisoara Regiune formed larger committees to assist the permanent committee of the people's council. The committee members of Ciacova Commune carried on intensive agitation in preparation for spring planting. They helped collectives in their commune to complete planting. These committees mobilized all women to spread manure on vegetable gardens. Women in Lugoj Town and Tipari and Satchinez villages formed 11 teams to call on all citizens of the communes to start plowing and planting.

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LUGOJ MTS WELL PREPARED FOR SPRING -- Bucharest, Romania Libera, 14 Mar 53

The LugoJ MTS, Timisoara Regiune, called a meeting to discuss with tractor operators and workers the duties of the 1953 spring plan. The plan was divided by sectors, brigades, and tractor operators; workdays and programs were set up for collectives and other enterprises. Each brigade was assigned machines and tools.

The spring-plan assignments were divided into four sectors, according to the locations of collectives and TOZ. Three brigades will work in each sector. Each brigade will work in the same collective and TOZ as in 1952.

The hourly graph method used by the LugoJ MTS in 1952 was of great help. It was, therefore, decided that all brigades would use it. The management of the station also prepared enough fuel and supplies for the entire campaign. Finally, the MTS engaged in competitions to complete the quota ahead of schedule.

LUGOJ MTS ENGAGES IN COMPETITIONS -- Bucharest, Romania Libera, 19 Mar 53

At a meeting held in LugoJ, 3 March 1953, the LugoJ MTS replied to the competitive challenge of the Cobadin MTS, Constanta Regiune, by pledging every effort to complete the spring campaign. Brigade No 5 of the LugoJ MTS completed 62.42 percent of the production plan for the entire campaign by 17 March 1953. Some tractor operators exceeded the quota by 50 percent. Brigade No 3 completed 107.7 percent of its entire spring quota.

The Chizlau Collective and the Hitias TOZ have almost finished spring planting with the aid of the MTS.

PURCHASING CAMPAIGN OF VILLAGE COOPERATIVES -- Bucharest, Romania Libera, 24 Mar 53

Village cooperatives in Timisoara Regiune carried on intensive propaganda during February 1953. They convinced peasants to sell their surplus produce to cooperatives. Village cooperatives in this regiune purchased 6,399 kilograms of wheat, 2,125 kilograms of corn, 4,618 kilograms of poultry, 38,525 kilograms of sunflower seed, 215,516 eggs, and other products.

The cooperatives in Jimbolia, Dinias, Biled, Recas, and others were leading in this drive. In Timisoara Raion alone, cooperatives purchased 2,253 kilograms of wheat, 9,430 kilograms of sunflower seed, 54,000 eggs, and 1,685 kilograms of poultry in February 1953.

Cooperatives are assisted by the executive committees of people's councils in signing contracts with peasants for delivery of the vegetable crops. The cooperatives signed contracts with 62 collectives, 40 TOZ, and 1,700 peasants by 15 March 1953, which is 70 percent of the total contract plan. Cooperatives of Resita Raion are leading with contracts for more than 85 percent of the planned vegetable area.

Ten percent more vegetables will be planted in Timisoara Regiune in 1953 than in 1952. Irrigated areas will be increased 400 percent.

CENEI MTS COMPLETES PLANTING QUOTA -- Bucharest, Romania Libera, 25 Mar 53

Tractor operators and mechanics at the Cenei MTS completed the planting plan 100 percent for the entire station.

The fields of the collectives and TOZ, serviced by the Cenei MTS, are ready for the second-period planting.

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COMPLETION OF COMMITMENTS -- Bucharest, Romania Libera, 25 Mar 53

The Recas Commune collective, Timisoara Regiune, is leading in spring planting. This collective completed plowing and finished 88 percent of first-period planting.

The spring planting campaign is in full progress at the Jimbolia State Farm. The five tractor brigades working this farm plowed 1,700 hectares and planted 300 hectares of first-period crops. They pledged to complete the entire planting quota by 15 February 1953. They also pledged to exceed quotas 15 percent for agricultural produce and 10 percent for vegetables.

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